

REMARKS

Allowed Claims:

Applicant acknowledges and appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 6 and 7 as originally presented, and has made no changes to those claims. Applicant further appreciates the Examiner's allowance of claims 3-5 and 9, subject to Applicant's addressing the Examiners objections. Applicant has made minor modifacitons to claims 3 and 5 to address the Examiner's objections under 35 U.S.C. §112, and has also rewritten claims 3, 4, 5 and 9 in independent form. These claims stand as originally presented and no narrowing amendments have been made.

Claim Rejections:

The Examiner has rejected claims 1, 2 and 8 under 35 U.S.C. §102 as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 2,220,228 (Sarosdy). Applicant respectfully traverses the examiner's rejection, as Sarosdy does not teach or disclose every element of Claim 1. In particular, Sarosdy does not teach or disclose a spring biased pinion carried by the housing and urged into engagement with the pawl at a position with the pawl ends out of engagement with the gear teeth and as so engaged urging non-pivotal movement of the pawl whereat free rotation of the tube relative to the shafts is permitted. Rather Sarosdy shows the paul in engagement with the teeth (FIG. 2). Further, Sarosdy actually precludes a free wheel position: "The plunger 25 is thus effective to hold the pawl 23 either in the position in which it is illustrated [in FIG. 2] or its alternative position indicated in chain lines in FIG.2." Col. 2, Lines 41-45.

Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable over Sarosdy and respectfully requests allowance of the same. Further, as claims 2 and 8 depend from claim 1, Applicant further requests allowance of those claims as well.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants respectfully submit that claims 1-9 are in condition for allowance. Thus, early issuance of Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge shortages or credit overpayments to Deposit Account No. 500393. A Fee Transmittal is enclosed in duplicate for fee processing purposes.

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